Field Artillery Advisory Committee

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- COL James White, FAAC Chairman;
- MAJ Rick Owens, NGB FA I/O, FAAC Secretary;
- BG Dave Greer, DCG, ARNG, USAFAS;
- BG Pat Wilson, CG, ICA;
- COL Robert Bray, DAC, ARNG;
- COL Lance Moore, NGB Force Mod Officer

FAAC Organization

- The FAAC is chartered by the Director, Army National Guard to advise on issues of readiness
- There are nine primary members including the Chairman
- Each member must be a sitting Brigade/DivArty Commander
- Members must be recommended by their TAG
- The DCG, ARNG, USAFAS; CG, ICA; DAC, ARNG; and NGB Force Mod Officer are ex-officio members
- The NGB FA O/I is the secretary
- The FAAC meets a minimum of 2 times a year

FAAC Recommendations to DARNG

4 November 2003

- **Implement ARNG Field Artillery Advisory Committee Funding Priorities for Fire Support** (Memorandum: ARNG Field Artillery Advisory Committee (FAAC) Funding Priorities For Fire Support 4 November 2003).
- **Reinstate MLRS Logistics Assistance Representatives support.**
- **Need TRADOC ORD development oversight.**
- **Support ARNG Field Artillery Advisory Committee Force Structure Reductions Recommendation** (Projected Army National Guard Field Artillery Force Structure Reductions, 31 October 2003)

ARNG Field Artillery Advisory Committee (FAAC) Strategic Objectives For Fire Support.

Interoperability and compatibility of systems across the Battlefield Operating System (BOS) ensuring the relevance and consequently the readiness of the ARNG is at the forefront of ARNG Field Artillery re-capitalization and modernization initiatives in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and Transformation. The focus of ARNG Field Artillery modernization is systems and platforms that support the delivery of the full suite of current and future munitions. Digitization that enables the ARNG to provide for C4I in the Contemporary Operating Environment is paramount. The ARNG FA community views AFATDS fielding and NET as the single most important modernization effort at the present time. Finally, fielding objective TO&E ERC B and C equipment is necessary for current theater operational requirements must be a priority.

The top four Army National Guard Field Artillery Funding Priorities for Fire Support are, accelerated AFATDS fielding and User Interface, communications equipment upgrades (Harris HF radio and SATCOM), current force weapon systems (Paladin, LW155, HIMARS and M270A1) and MTO&E ERC B and C equipment.

ARNG Field Artillery Funding Priorities:

Funding requirements are listed in order of priority:

- **Accelerate AFATDS Equipping and Training.**
- **Long Range Digital Radio Communications.**
- **Increase Production Rate for HIMARS.**
- **LW155 with TAD.**
- **M270A1.**
- **Fire Support Sensor System (FS3).**
- **Q-47 Radar.**
- **Dismounted Optic System.**
- **Wireless GDU replacement/upgrade.**
- **Paladin System Cascade.**
- **Measuring Set-Profiler**

ARNG POM Issues

- **Need for AC/RC parity in the ORD to accomplish parallel modernization. It's all about documented requirements! The ARNG has many initiatives which are not documented requirements. If it isn't documented, it won't be funded.**
- **The impact of anticipated force structure change is detrimental to ARNG modernization initiatives.**
- **Lack of total system of systems fielding, leaves relevancy gaps in ARNG capabilities (IPADS, LLDR, Q47, LWTFDS, GDU-R, AFATDS)**
- **ARNG UFR's continue to grow, as funds are borrowed from the right end of the fielding schedule for program shortfalls and emerging requirements (GWOT, FCS).**

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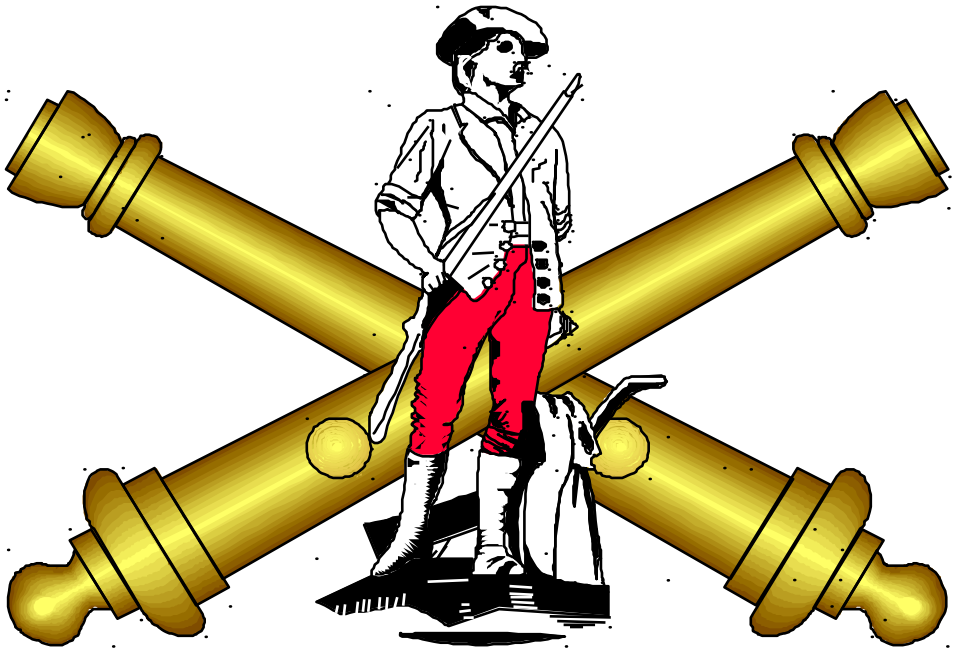

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